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NEWS BRIEFS

2d Bomb Wing awards

Quarterly award winners for the 2d BW Special Staff/Associate Units are as follows:

CGO - Capt Ronald Wheeler, 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron

SNCO - Master Sgt. Walter Ingram, 2d Comptroller Squadron NCO - Staff Sgt. Kristina Barrett, 2d BW/PA

AMN - Senior Airman Alexander Cardin, 49th TES

GS-9 above civilian -- Ms. Sheri Talmadge, 2d BW/MO

GS-8 below civilian -- Ms. Theresa Guajardo, 2 BW/JA

WEATHER

Courtesy 26th Operational Weather Squadron

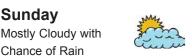
Today

Mostly Cloudy with Chance of Rain



Saturday Mostly Cloudy with

Chance of Rain





2d Bomb Wing Monthly Flying Goals

Depicted in Hours





Goal:	265.3	438.5	425.9
Flown:	0	0	0
Remaining:	265.3	438.5	425.9
As of: April 2	0	0	0

Daedalian Team to look at 2d LRS

J. MANNY GUENDULAY

OBSERVER

The men and women of the 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron have been busy this week making sure everything is tip-top for their upcoming inspection from the Daedalian team

The team will be headed by Maj. Gen. Craig P. Rasmussen, Director of Logistics Readiness, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, Headquarters, U.S. The squadron was selected as one of three finalists in the Air Force Daedalian Major Gen. Warren R. Carter Logistics Effectiveness Award.

The team will evaluate the squadron on how well LRS supports the wing in the areas of direct mission support and innovative management as well as looking at development and implementation of quality of life programs.

Major Nathan Mooney, 2d LRS commander, is proud of his squadron.

"For me, this means a great deal. I could not be prouder of the warriors of LRS, and their commitment to excellence. As their commander, I am able to see first hand their high level of teamwork and dedication they demonstrate every day. When you consider the fact that our squadron is one of the newest squadrons on base, consisting of two previously separate and distinct squadrons now working as one team, the accomplishments are even more amazing. I am not surprised they are being recognized as the best in the ACC and will soon be recognized as the best in the Air Force," said Mooney.

Senior Airman Lerenzy McNair is one of many members of the 2d LRS that has proven to be the best at what he does by the many awards he's won. However, he understands the need for a strong team.

"When I found out we were up for the award, I felt proud to be part of the Barksdale Team because we have best LRS Team," said Airman McNair.

Airman First Class Briana Knotz is anxious for her squadron to win so that her family can be "proud to say that I am in the best LRS in the Air Force!"



J. Manny Guendulay/Observer

Senior Airman LeRoy Oliver and Airman First Class Robert Burwell present an R4 refueler to Maj. Nathan Mooney, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron commander in support of last week's CORE.

Welcome Daedalian Team

Commender PECTOR

NEWS BRIEFS

Special invite to the public

The Barksdale community is invited to watch four civilian teams practice Friday beginning at 7:50 p.m. on the flight line in preparation for their scheduled appearance at Barksdale's Air Show. AeroShell, Jimmie Franklin, Shockwave and Wyche Coleman will have a short demonstration. People may park in authorized parking areas west of the flight line and walk through Gate #23, which is adjacent to the fire department, to watch the practice from an area between Hangars 5 and 6. Gate #23 will be accessible to pedestrians beginning at 7 p.m. People will not be allowed to enter the static display area on Friday evening. Security forces will have patrols to assist. The performers may change or cancel the practice if conditions warrant. Contact Public Affairs at 456-3065 for more information.

Legal Office hours

The 2d Bomb Wing legal office will have new hours effective Monday:

Appointments for wills and general legal assistance will be 1:30 to 4 p.m. Mondays and 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursdays. Walk-in legal assistance (no wills) will be available Mondays through Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Notaries and power-of-attorneys will be available Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Claims hours will remain the same. Claims appointments can be scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays and the claims briefing is every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Basic Computer Course

A free MS Word and Excel computer class for spouses of active duty members is now available from an instructor from Bossier Parish Community College. Classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting May 11 to June 17 at the Education Office, Room 106. Class is limited to 14 participants. Call 456-8400 for more information.

Spring Food and Clothing **Drive**

The 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron is sponsoring a food drive for the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank and a clothing drive for Goodwill Industries. Drop your nonperishable food items and clothing items at the fitness center or at the 49 TES. The drive ends April 26. Contact Capt. Marc Ferguson at 456-7749 for more information.

DUI UPDATE Last DUI: March 27

2d Communication Squadron Total DUI's this year to date: 7 Total DUI's for 2003: 50 33 Active Duty,

27 were rank of Staff Sergeant or below **Airmen Against Drunk Driving**

456-3344 AADD had 274 saves this year.

Honor our heritage

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER

2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

As members of the Armed Forces we are part of a long line of Americans who have served their country during war and peace, starting with our founding fathers. Just like those first American patriots, we took a sacred vow to support and defend the constitution of the United States and are willing to put our lives on the line to do our duty. This unbroken chain and our military heritage are what make us different from corporate America. Heritage is important because it defines who you are, builds your character and frames your expectations.

We all share a legacy in the US Air Force that is forged in the fire of World War I and honed again and again in the heat of battle...our history is one of success, courage and honor. Here at Barksdale, we all wear the patch of the 8th AF, 917th Wing or the 2nd BW. These units, with their rich heritages, set the bar high--much is expected of us because the blood and sweat of those war heroes who have come before demand greatness from every person every day. What do I mean? I'll let a history lesson from World War II help explain.

The 2d Bomb Group B-17 crew of "Sweet Pea" was approaching the target over Hungary when an 88mm antiaircraft shell slammed into the plane's midsection, exploded, and nearly tore the Flying Fortress in two. Huge sections of the waist on both sides instantly disappeared, control cables were cut, electrical and communications systems went powerless and silent. Half of the bombs fell out of the bomb bay, the lower turret was jammed with the gunner inside, and the explosion blew deadly debris in all directions. The left waist gunner and tail gunner were killed instantly and the right waist gunner had multiple wounds, but his back pack parachute, serving as a flak suit, saved his life. The radio operator was peppered like buckshot.

The stunned crew started its battle for survival. The pilots struggled for control of the airplane. Since most of the control cables were cut, the pilots' primary control was through use of the engines, which miraculously, were undamaged. The aircraft commander thought about ordering bailout but decided against that when he learned he had two dead, three wounded, and one stuck in the ball turret. The wounded were gathered in the radio room for first aid. The bombardier came back from the nose section and helped the wounded. There were still six bombs hung up in the racks, so one gunner climbed into the bomb bay and released them one by one with a screwdriver.

Against seemingly impossible odds, the pilots nursed their mangled airplane and its battered crew across several hundred miles of enemy territory and almost 600 miles back to

uery: Yes, I'm calling to complain about the classified ads section in the Barksdale Observer. How come they are so small now?

esponse: Thanks for your in-R esponse. Thanks 101 guiry regarding classified advertising in the Barksdale Observer.

At the beginning of the year we changed contracts from NTN Media to the Shreveport's *The Times*. The Times has a different process of running classified ads in the paper and runs them smaller to fit more into the space.

We will work with *The Times* in the future to try to adjust the font to a larger size, although the size that is currently in use is the same size contained within the local civilian newspapers. I would encourage you to take advantage of the free classified advertising that is available active duty and retired military personnel assigned to Barksdale, and their family members. Just fill out your ad form found in the classified ad section and drop it off at in the classibase. The navigator plotted a course, and the pilots very gingerly set what was left of "Sweet Pea" on the deck at Foccia, Italy, where the plane literally broke in half. The surviving crewmembers flew again one week later...

That is your heritage...the sacrifice of those who have gone before us demand great deeds and we have no choice but to meet those expectations. In addition to excellence in our daily service, we honor our historical legacy in many different ways...with memorials. plaques and statues. Here at Barksdale we have the 8th AF museum, with its wonderful indoor exhibits and display of historic aircraft. But, I need your help--the aircraft have been outside and are showing the wear and tear of Louisiana weather. They need special care if we are to truly honor those men and women, like the crew of the "Sweet Pea," who built our her-

So, we have kicked off an "Adopt a Plane" program at the museum that will allow units to "own" one of the exhibits. Each unit will take care of its special part of history, and we will honor your service by putting the unit patch on a plaque, proudly placed in front of the exhibit. I ask that you get involved and don't miss this opportunity to honor our comrades in arms who have gone before. Show your unit pride while preserving the incredible heritage of the Mighty 8th AF!

fied ad box at the commissary, shoppette or the 2d Bomb Wing Public Affairs office. The deadline for the ads is the Friday before the intended publi-

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Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through your chain of command or the organization involved.

I encourage you to go that route first. Then, if you still can't resolve it or don't know where to call, I'll be glad to do it for you. I'd also like to hear the positive feedback on your experiences on base.

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Many factors aid our Air Force Careers

BY LT. COL. EDWIN DONALDSON

20TH BOMB SQUADRON COMMANDER

It was July 25, 2003, just another beautiful summer morning at Barksdale AFB, La. Or was it? There were moments when time seemed to stand still and then only moments later 15 minutes would whisk by in the blink of an eye. At 10:20 that morning, while I was standing on stage, suddenly 17 years of Air Force service and 39 years of life's experience all suddenly became very focused. Family and friends were here from all over the country. The room bubbled with anxious excitement and amidst the pomp and ceremony the dream became a reality with the utterance of four simple words, "Sir, I assume command."

I looked out over the crowd and my new squadron all who were patiently waiting to hear what the new commander had to say. I looked down at my notes so I wouldn't forget what I wanted to say, or worse, yet ramble on with no point or end in sight. Oh, yes - the notes. It was in the preparation of the notes that I solidified the foundation upon which my flight plan for the next two years was to takeoff from. As I organized my notes I asked myself what had prepared me for this point in time. Many things came rushing forward and I feverishly began to write as not to forget any. When I began my task, the goal was to prepare enough comments for about 10 to 15 minutes. When the dust finally settled much of the writing had to be erased, again the goal was only ten to fifteen minutes. So I set out to glean the most important nuggets to share with my captive audience.

As I began sifting through my notes some obvious items like living the Air Force core values jumped out at me to center my discussion around. There were many examples and stories throughout my career that I could share with the audience and make a sound argument that it was our three pillars of integrity, service before self, and excellence in all that we do that prepared me for this moment. I recalled a story that I could share regarding a crewmember who improperly operated a piece of equipment and the result of his actions. It was a checklist step that was missed; the result of missing that step during a normal routine mission was not noticeable. Therefore the individual could have easily let the incident go unnoticed. Instead he reported his ac-

tions through the chain of command, and the ensuing investigation found some of the checklists could have been written more clearly to avoid that from happening in the future. Bottom line, it was the unflappable integrity of that crewmember that we could glean as the nugget. As I continued to develop my presentation along the core values I realized that this was good stuff, but I felt I could get even more fundamental than preparation of command through the core values. So it was back to the conglomeration of notes.

As I reviewed my notes another common theme kept surfacing to the top as a major contributor preparing me for the leadership opportunity of command, and that was priorities. Yes, could it be that simple. In order to be an effective leader and prepared for the challenge of command you need priorities. As I thought about this notion I realized that I had an internal priority list and an external priority list. My internal priority list consisted of faith, family and personal enrichment. My external priority list would need to consist of mission, combat readiness, training and people. I realized that it was important to have the priorities clearly defined because they would shape my perspective, I would draw on them for personal strength and they would act as my rudder through this journey of command. I also realized that as I compared these two lists, although separate, they were mutually supportive and at times could be mutually exclusive. I was not too concerned about the mutually supportive part. It was the ability of the lists to compliment and support each other that I found necessary. For example, how could I promote that people were one of my priorities if I was not firmly grounded in the support of my own family. For those of you who don't know a typical bomb squadron consists of approximately 130 people, that being said it was at 10:20 that July morning that my immediate family grew from 5 people to 135 people. As I continued to dwell on the idea of priorities as significant enough to glean as one of the golden nuggets I was still troubled by the times when my priority lists would be mutually exclusive. In good conscience I could not just discuss priorities and not offer my thoughts on what to do when I would have to sacrifice one list for the other. More importantly I needed to make sure that I knew what I would do. So it's back to the conglomeration of notes.

As I reflected on the thoughts of the possible con-

flicts of one priority list over another I realized that it would require a balancing act to successfully support both lists. Finally, I found the nugget - balance. Each list would require attention and nurturing in order to survive. As I thought of both lists I was seeking a useful metaphor to describe the relationship of these two very important attributes. As I was peering out the window it came to me as my neighbor was tending to her garden. It was a beautiful garden, obviously well cared for with lovely blooms and color. My metaphor would be two separate gardens growing in the same yard, both carefully placed and balanced within the yard. Both of the gardens would require sowing, weeding, watering, pruning, fertilizer, sun and water. Some of the tasks could be done at the same time, and some could not. Each priority list its own separate garden requiring individualized attention. If one is neglected for too long the weeds begin to grow and overtake the garden. As the gardener of priority lists I must make sure that I balance my time between the two lists, especially when one requires my full attention. If I neglect one garden for too long it will eventually whither away and die and the yard would be unbalanced. The take away here is a leader who is not balanced can not be effective. Could this be the nugget or is it really a combination of all the items discussed so far and probably many more?

Fortunately this article, like the remarks, has limits. I could continue with many other attributes that prepare leaders. During this journey we pondered some thoughts to include Air Force core values, priorities, and balance. Preparation - like leadership - is very individualized. I took this opportunity to share with you only a few of the things that helped prepare me for the greatest opportunity of my career, command. I offer that there are many more attributes that help shape us into the people we are and prepare us for the challenges we face. I would also add that this is a journey, not just a short trip.

You might still be wondering about the remarks at the change of command ceremony and how it went? Well when I started this article and mentioned there were times in the morning when things stood still and times when in the blink of an eye fifteen minutes passed. My recollection of the remarks portion of the change of command fell into the blink of an eye moment

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Horse Stables

The Double "B" Riding Club has approximately eight stalls available for horse boarding on the East Reservation, to also include an arena, a horse walker and approximately 100 acres of pasture for horse grazing with several riding trails nearby. Horse boarding costs \$25 per month, per horse, with a \$5 per month membership fee. Members are required to feed and care for their own horses and help with facility maintenance as required. Call Mr. Bill at 949-8573 or 617-1315 for more information.

ALS drill presentation

ALS Class 04-D will host a drill presentation May 5 at 2:30 p.m. on the drill pad located in front of the academic building.

Chiefs vs. students

Class 04-D will host the Chiefs vs. students volleyball challenge May 5 at 3:30 p.m. at the ALS gym.

ALS class starts

Class 04-E begins May 12. Students should report to the ALS auditorium no later than 7:20 a.m. Uniform of the day will be any blues combination. There will also be a spouse's orientation the same morning at 7:30 a.m. in the ALS auditorium. Any eligible student may bring their spouse for a briefing about the program.

3rd Annual Spring Fling

This year's Spring Fling is Saturday at Hoban Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event features live music, crawfish boil, recreational vehicles, boats, arts and crafts booths, travel fair and a children's carnival. Contact the marketing department at 456-6955 for more information.

First Four Airmen association talent show auditions

Auditions will be held Saturday at Hoban Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The talent show is May 1 at 3 p.m. Call Senior Airman Syreeta Frees at 456-5791 for more information.

Reserved parking

Barksdale drivers should be aware that parking in reserved parking can lead to a DD Form 1408, an Armed Forces Traffic ticket by 2d Security Forces Squadron.

Base Exchange phone number

For information or store hours of operations for the main BX, please call 752-9227.

Doughet Drive closing

Doughet Drive is permanently closed from south of Burger King to the intersection at Curtiss Road.

Base announces airshow traffic flow, parking plan for visitors

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY

OBSERVER

In order to minimize traffic problems during the weekend, the following traffic flow guidelines have been designed.

The public is highly encouraged to take advantage of the shuttle bus service, originating from the Pierre Bossier Mall parking lot in the old Service Merchandise parking lot. This will help keep visitors from getting stuck in base traffic.

At the end of the air show, all traffic leaving the flightline will exit the installation, regardless of their final destination. Vehicles will not be allowed to deviate from the outbound traffic flow to the gates.

No vehicles will be allowed to park on Barksdale Boulevard West from 5 p.m. April 23 until 8 p.m. April 25. Both lanes of both roads will be used for air show traffic.

Parking lots around the following facilities have been reserved for designated air show personnel parking on Saturday and Sunday: Parking lots around Hangar 3, AFOSI, Hangar 1, Hoban Hall, all maintenance hangars on Lindbergh Avenue side from Hoban Hall to AFOSI, base supply and the north side of the BX. Base populace, public and those working in those facilities will not be allowed to park in these lots.



Inbound Traffic Shreveport Gate

Traffic will travel east on Barksdale Boulevard East and turn south (right) on Davis Avenue. Traffic will then turn east (left) on Luke Avenue and again on Lindbergh Avenue. Vehicles will enter the flightline adjacent to Hangar 4 (Fire Department) using Gate 23.

Bossier Gate

Traffic will travel south on Davis Avenue and turn east (left) on Orville Wright Drive. Drivers will turn north (left) on Lindbergh Avenue. Vehicles will enter the

flightline adjacent to Hangar 13 using Gate 27.

Outbound Traffic

Shreveport Gate

Visitors who entered the installation via Shreveport Gate will exit via Shreveport Gate. Traffic will be routed off the flight-line using Gate 23 and turn south (right) on Lindbergh Avenue. Traffic will then turn west (left) on Barksdale Boulevard. West and will be split into four outbound lanes near the 2d Bomb Wing Headquaraters building. Upon reaching the Shreveport Gate, Bossier City police officers will direct the four lanes into the appropriate off-base traffic lanes.

Bossier Gate

Visitors who entered the installation via Bossier Gate will exit via Bossier Gate. Traffic will be routed off the flightline using Gate 27. They will turn north (right) onto Lindbergh Avenue using both lanes. The left lane will turn west (left) onto Spaatz Avenue and then north (right) onto Davis Avenue, exiting the base. The right lane of Lindbergh Avenue traffic will turn North (left) on Shreveport Road and then turn North (right) onto Davis Avenue, exiting the base. No traffic will be allowed past the Lindbergh Avenue/Shreveport Road intersection towards Range Road.

Model Presentation



Airman First Class Kevin Camara/2d Communications Squadron

Retired Lt. Gen. Ronald Marcotte, former 2d Bomb Wing and Eighth Air Force commander, presents Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th AF commander, a photo representing the B-52 model Boeing is donating to the base. The model will be placed near the traffic circle on Barksdale Boulevard close to the Shreveport Gate.

Month of the Military Child brings new changes for Barksdale students with signing of MOA

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY

Observer

April is the Month of the Military Child. Designated by the Department of Defense in 1974, this month is designated to recognize the challenges and contributions of the more than one million military children living across the globe.

Life isn't always easy for military children. The strong demand and commitment from their parent's service means frequent moves, saying goodbye to friends, living far from extended family and, one of the hardest problems, changing schools.

This year Barksdale has used this month as an incentive to help lighten the burden for more than 2,000 Barksdale students by working with the Bossier Parish School Board on building and signing a Memorandum of Agreement to provide a common structure for information sharing and reciprocal processes. Currently, more than one hundred school systems have signed the agreement; this MOA will be the second in the state.

Mr. Denis Faulk, 2d Mission Support Squadron and director of the Education Center, helped implement the MOA.

"The MOA addresses the transition challenges faced by the military child every time the parents move to another assignment," said Faulk.

The following is a list of issues the MOA handles:

- Improve the timely transfer of records.
- Develop systems to ease transition during first week of enrollment.
- Promote practices which foster access to extracurricular programs.
- Establish procedures to lessen adverse impact during the senior year.

- Communicate variations in the school calendar and schedules.
- Create and implement professional development systems.
- Continue strong, child-centered partnerships between the installation and school.
- Provide information concerning graduation requirements.
- Provide services for students when applying for post secondary study.

These actions will be carried out by the newly established Military Child Education Working Group, comprised of school officials, counselors and Barksdale personnel from Education Services, Family Support, Family Advocacy and a military spouse with dependents.

The basis for this group's formation and the MOA itself come from the Military Child Education Coalition, a non-profit organization dedicated to forming partnerships between a network of military installations and the school systems that support them.

With the help from the MCEC the group will also install a web-based video conferencing system at Bossier High School allowing families and counselors to exchange information between schools worldwide.

This technology will help students and teachers from other schools communicate through cyberspace and discuss differences in curriculum and academic requirements so that problems can be forseen and dealt with before the student arrives at the new school.

"From my view the signing of the MOA has been a significant action that has taken place. Barksdale is not unique as for the problems faced by the military child," explained Faulk. "But now we are using this MOA as a springboard to solve many of the chal-



Airman First Class Sonya Padilla/2d Communications Squadron

Col. Colleen Duffy, 2d Mission Support Group commander, looks on as J.W. Slack, President of the Bossier Parish School Board, signs a Memorandum of Agreement on April 8. The intent of this lenges outlined by the MOA."

For other problems that militrary children face, Ms. Sandy Spurlock, 2d MSS and Family Support Center director, reminds the base that the family support center also can help with chil-

dren's problems.

"The Family Support Center offers programs to assist children during

agreement is to immediately address transition problems with high school age military students, helping lighten the load on the large number of Barksdale students.

these situations. Operation Hero is offered annually. Children learn what mommy or daddy goes through to prepare for deployment. Kids on the Move focuses on easing some of the anxiety moving can create. Call the center for more information," said Ms. Spurlock.

For information on helping military children adjust, call 456-8400.

Barksdale SNCO earns Air Force award

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUSTASIA LEHMANN

A 2d Medical Support Squadron senior non-commissioned officer recently won an Air Force award.

Master Sgt. Cassandra Black, Diagnostic Imaging Flight Chief, won USAF Chief Master Sgt. Anton Zembrod Outstanding Diagnostic Imaging SNCO of the Year.

The win came as a surprise to Sgt. Black.

"I was shocked. There was a lot of stiff competition out there. I knew I had a good chance of winning because of all my accomplishments for the year; however, I was concerned about the competition," said Sgt. Black.

Like Sgt. Black, her supervisor was also happy with the win.

"It's well-deserved recognition," Lt. Col. Joanne McPherson, commander, 2d Medical Support Squadron.

The accomplishments that helped lead to her win included selection as the 2d Medical Group's interim first sergeant, being picked to re-write their SKTs, mentoring a group of successful airmen, and being active in 2d Bomb Wing Top 3 functions, said Sgt. Black.

Col. McPherson believes Sgt. Black won because of her dedication to her job.

"MSgt Black has a lot of initiative, energy, and smarts. She is one of very few SNCO's running a medical diagnostic imaging shop and has done a great job in there. Her push to get mammography back on line here at Barksdale is especially noteworthy," said Col. McPherson.

In order to succeed, Sgt. Black believes that airmen should go the extra mile.

"Individuals must go above and beyond, and take care of their troops in the process," said Sgt. Black.

Sgt. Black believes programs like this are essential to Airmen.

"I think the awards are important to the Air Force. They inspire excellence in our jobs," said Sgt. Black.





Officers' Club (456-4926)

Thursday Jackpot Bingo

Win big every Thursday evening! Last night's jackpot was \$1,000 and it grows weekly! Enjoy the buffet at 5:30 p.m. for only \$5.50 and members get an extra buck off. You can also play Early Bird Bingo. Jackpot Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. All ranks are welcome!

Tableside Cooking Tonight

Flambe' is back this evening at the officers club. Enjoy beef tenderloin medallions cooked tableside in a flaming mushroom wine sauce. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and is open to all ranks. You and your guests will enjoy the flare of this unique and delicious presentation.

Mongolian Night

Asian fare is back by popular demand on Wednesday with Mongolian night. Guests build their own entrees by picking from numerous fresh ingredients. Choose from shrimp, beef, chicken or pork, dozens of fresh, crisp vegetables and 19 exotic sauces. Plates are weighed and cooked to order by the club. The cost is only 45 cents per ounce. Delicious desserts are also available. All ranks are welcome.

Enlisted Club (456-4467)

One Dollar Lunch

Dollar lunch is back being offered again at the enlisted club on April 27. Show your club card and get the Mega Buffet for only one dollar. This is part of the Members First program. It pays to be a club member.

Thirsty Tuesday

Why wait until the weekend to have fun? Unwind every Tuesday at the club with 85 cent domestic draft beer, \$3.50 pitchers and 25 cent hot wings. Bring out the whole office and break up the work week. The thirstier, the better!

Weekend Dance Nights

Dance to your favorite music each weekend in the main lounge with tunes from Nitelife Entertainment. Enjoy social hour each Friday from 4-6 p.m., followed by Oldies but Goodies for your dancing

Saturday is Latin Night, and April 24 is Oldies but Goodies. Dance or just hang out with your group every Saturday from 9 p.m. - midnight. Admission is free for club members.

Youth Center (456-3448)

Youth Center Closure

The Youth Center and the Youth Center Annex will be closed Saturday. Visit the staff at the Spring Fling Kid's Carnival. The monthly "Give Parents a Break" program, however, will be available from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Youth Center and Child Development Center.

Child Development (456-4139)

Car Seat Inspections

The Child Development Center and Parent Advisory Committee are sponsoring two car seat safety inspection dates. Corporal Aguirre from the Bossier City Police Department will be at the Child Development Center today and April 23 from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. conducting child car safety seat inspections. Parents must come by the center and make an appointment to have their child's car seat inspected. Call 456-4139, for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Gifts and Getaways (456-1865)

New Extended Hours

Gifts and Getaways in the BX mall has extended its operating hours to better serve its customers. They are now open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They close Sundays and holidays. Call 456-1865 for more information or to reserve your discount tickets for upcoming events and attractions.

Battlewings Tickets

Are you ready for some football? Arena football is here and Gifts and Getaways is the place to get Bossier-Shreveport Battlewings tickets and schedules. The savings are huge...military get from 23-40 percent off normal gate prices. Get in on the hard-hitting, high-scoring action.

Schlitterbahn Water Park

Gifts and Getaways has discount tickets to Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort, named America's number one water park by the Travel Channel, in New Braunfels, Texas, just outside of San Antonio, and to Schlitterbahn Beach Waterpark in sunny South Padre Island, where you'll find Schlitterbahn fun with a tropical twist.

Include these parks in your next vacation or TDY plan. Save up to 14 percent off normal gate admission, only at Gifts and Getaways in the BX mall.



Outdoor Recreation (456-3426) **Horseback Riding Trip**

Make plans now to go horseback trail riding in scenic Jefferson, Texas, on June 19. Guests will ride at Kharma Farms and then will go to downtown Jefferson for snacks and browsing.

The group will leave from the officers club at 2 p.m. and return at 7 p.m. The price is only \$25 or \$10 for small kids riding with parent. Sign-up ends on June 16.

Pool Passes On Sale Now

Season pool passes are on sale now at low prices. Family season passes are only \$70, 83 percent off daily admission for a family of three. A single season pass is just \$35, or 74 percent off, and a single monthly pass is only \$15, or 67 percent off. Daily admission is \$1.50. The pools are located by the enlisted and officers clubs and are open from May 29- Sept. 6. Get your pass now at Equipment Rental.

Exercising caution could save pedestrians

By Percy Adams

2D BOMB WING SAFETY

Millions of Americans walk to school, to work, to the store, or just around the block for a little bit of exercise. While on these walks they may cross streets. This places them in a traffic environment. Anytime you mix people and vehicles you are bound to have

Approximately 6,000 pedestrians are killed by automobiles each year, and more than 110,000 are injured. On average, a pedestrian is killed in a traffic crash every 107 minutes and injured every 6 minutes. The majority of these accidents are caused by inattention.

Barksdale had a pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle two days in a row. Both of these accidents occurred between 6:30 and 7 a.m. Visibility was limited, but these accidents could have been avoided if all parties involved had been paying attention.

Driver vision is a factor in every traffic accident and ambient lighting may need to be considered.

The most common situation is one involving a pedestrian. Was there sufficient light and contrast for a driver to see the pedestrian? Automobile operators should give pedestrians the right-of-way when approaching a marked crosswalk or at intersections. Pedestrians should make every effort to use existing crosswalks and should never assume the right-of-way.

The safest thing to do when attempting to cross streets is to make eye contact with all motor vehicle operators and ensure they see you and are slowing down to stop prior to crossing the street.

Motor vehicle operators should be vigilant, especially when the potential for pedestrian traffic is high

duty day). Watch the actions of pedestrians. Doing right-of-way. this will prepare you in case he or she leaves the curb

and steps in front of vour vehicle Remember the rule in making a turn-rightleft-right. Check right for traffic and pedestrians, left for traffic and pedestrians, and right again for traffic and pedestrians. Many motor vehicle operators have forgotten this rule.

The second look to the right has been considered by some, as a waste of time for so many years that they have stopped. Looking to the right a second time is just as important as the first; this action could keep you from seriously injuring or killing someone. All automobile operators should give the pedestrians a break.

Here are a few rules to follow while operating your vehicle on

Barksdale, as referenced in AFI 31-204:

When traffic control devices are not in place or not (prior to the start of the duty day and at the end of the in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the

No pedestrian shall leave the curb or walk or run in-

to the path of a vehicle.

Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross a roadway, vehicles approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehi-

Both lanes of traffic must stop on one-way roadways.

Pedestrians must yield to traffic when crossing at any point other within marked crosswalk or at an intersec-

give warning to pedestrians when

Driver shall exercise caution upon observing a confused or incapacitated person upon the roadway.



BY STAFF SGT. C. TODD LOPEZ

IR FORCE PRINT NEWS

Airmen with government travel cards can now make payments to their accounts

The "MyEasyPayment" system allows Airmen with government travel cards to pay off residual or unexpected charges not covered by split disbursement payments, said Josephine Davis, the Air Force banking liaison officer.

"Split disbursement of travel card payments is mandatory for military members and by default for civilians, but there are unavoidable situations when the split-disbursed amount does not cover your total charges," Ms. Davis said.

Airmen are required to use their government cards for airline tickets, hotels and rental cars for military travel. They may also use their cards to purchase meals and to get cash for incidental expenses.

When Airmen return from travel, they file a voucher so they can be reimbursed for their expenses. That payment, or disbursement, is split between the Airmen's personal-checking account and their travel-card account. Airmen are responsible for indicating how much money should be sent to the travel-card account. If there is a miscalculation of the amount owed on the travel card, there can be residual or unexpected charges still owed.

An example of an unexpected or residual charge is when an Airman makes a

Travel cardholders have online-payment option

purchase overseas and the exchange rate changes before the merchant processes the charge, Ms. Davis said. "There could be additional money owed there," she said. "Instead of the trans-

action costing \$50, it may now cost \$52." Another example is when Airmen lose receipts and forget about charges on their

Despite those types of errors, Ms. Davis said Airmen are still responsible for paying off their accounts in full.

"Just like with any other credit card, it is our responsibility to know what we owe," Ms. Davis said. "Sometimes you need to call the bank and find out what you need to pay. This system gives you the opportunity to make those payments."

Airmen with questions about being reimbursed for unexpected or residual charges on their accounts should contact their military travel pay office, Ms. Davis said. Travelers may need to file an amended travel voucher if they feel they are owed money.

The payment system is available at www.myeasypayment.com. To use the system, cardholders need to know the amount they want to pay on the card, the card's account number and security code, and their checking account and bank routing numbers.

Ms. Davis said cardholders can check their account balance by calling the tollfree number on the back of the card.

Are you a 'CUT' above other Airmen

BY COL. BOB STAIB

1ST EXPEDITIONARY RED HORSE GROUP COMMANDER

When the 819th RED HORSE Squadron was reactivated in August 1997, the unit adopted the squadron motto: Unity, Teamwork, Commitment. Shortly after assuming command, I realized this motto had drifted away. So I brought it back, shuffled the deck and turned the words around to Commitment, Unity, Teamwork. In effect, I took the first letter of each word and added a slogan ... "a CUT above."

I must admit this initially was just a catchy way to reflect our squadron motto and make it easier to remember. However, after further reflection on these three words, I realized that commitment, unity and teamwork really form the building blocks of success for our Air Force.

COMMITMENT means being dedicated to a cause. In the armed forces, it is called service to our country and dedication to the cause of freedom. The success of any team or unit requires the individual commit-

ment of its members. If the individuals are not committed, then the team has little chance for success.

Commitment requires us to adhere to our Air Force core values of Integrity, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do. I have a motivational art picture on my office wall with the word "commitment" which is clearly illustrated by the accompanying quote from our president after the fateful day on Sept.11, 2001: "We will not waver; we will not tire; we will not falter; we will not fail."

Commitment is the foundation of success, but without bringing that commitment together in unity, we'll just have a chaotic bunch of individuals without a sense of coordinated purpose.

UNITY is singleness of purpose and focus. It is the pulling together of individuals in the realization that the whole is greater that the sum of each individual part.

Unity implies agreement. It is the acknowledgement of an established bond so the unit can forge together, as one, toward the goal.

Sun Tzu, the ancient Chinese war philosopher described the ultimate value of unity this way: "He whose ranks are united in purpose will be victorious."

Once you've gotten personal commitment from the members, and the members come together in unity, the third building block is teamwork.

TEAMWORK means working together to get the job done.

Teamwork implies unselfish dedication and effort for the betterment of the team, rather than individual glory.

Teamwork needs to take place on all levels. It must occur between individuals, within and throughout the unit and between units as part of a bigger team, whether a wing, a major command or the entire Air Force.

When you've achieved all these building blocks -individual commitment, coming together in unity, displaying unselfish teamwork -- then you, your unit and our Air Force will truly be a CUT above.

Motorcyclists: dress for the crash, not the ride



BY TECH. SGT. JUAN TOLEDO 56TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON

Motorcycle riders never want to crash, but true riders get ready to ride by wearing the right safety equipment for the crash, not for the ride.

When I started riding some 34 years ago, I thought all I needed was a motorcycle and a helmet. Although a helmet is a great start, there are several other items of protective gear people should consider wearing.

In addition to an approved helmet that has met safety standards, I wear riding goggles, hearing protection, chest protector, riding jersey, riding gloves, reinforced riding pants with hip pads, riding shorts, kidney belt, knee braces, riding socks and top-of-the-line riding boots.

This was what I decided was important to me after doing my research.

I was glad I selected all of these items when I was involved in a dirt-bike mishap recently. The bike high-sided and threw me off. After I flipped in the air, I landed on the back of my right shoulder. The next thing to hit was my helmet, followed by my upper back. As my lower back and hip area hit the ground, I felt excruciating pain. It turns out my lower back landed on a boulder larger than a basketball.

I ended up in the hospital for a week with a fractured pelvis.

Although I suffered an injury, there is no doubt in my mind things would have been much worse if I had not been wearing my safety equipment. I could be writing this from my new wheelchair.

This is my advice to you: When selecting a motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle, you must also consider, as part of your purchase, all of the safety gear required by the Air Force and the optional gear you consider important. If you can buy the motorcycle but can't afford the protective gear, then you can't afford the motorcycle.

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Preserving Air Force history, legacy 8th AF Museum team keeps it together

BY SENIOR AIRMAN ANDREA KNUDSON Observer

This year marks the 25th anniversary for Barksdale's Eighth Air Force Museum.

Twenty-five years of acquiring, cataloging, photographing and displaying Air Force history with artifacts such as uniforms, badges, photos, posters and newspaper clippings.

Preserving the Air Force's history and its traditions is vital to our heritage, said Mr. Harold D. "Buck" Rigg, director of the museum.

"The museum collects those materials, which includes 28 aircraft and vehicles, but also pens, papers, ashtrays; the things that make up the life of our service," said Mr. Rigg, who has dedicated 25 years to the museum.

"We collect and preserve the things of our military culture," said Mr. Rigg. "Why? Well, let's say, if some reason all the airplanes in the world disappeared - how would we begin again? One sure way to rebuild our technology would be to visit and study those items preserved in a museum such as ours. By preserving our technology and our culture we can learn that we have advanced from tube technology to solid state and beyond. We've got those things archived here - protected. There is value to what we do for the Air Force."

Barksdale and the museum have the responsibility of safeguarding the history of the oldest bomb squadrons in the Air Force. Maintaining aircraft from the 20th Bomb Squadron, the 96th Bomb Squadron, the 11th Bomb Squadron and the 2d Bomb Wing is no easy task, with some of the planes dating back to 1918, said Mr. Rigg.

"We have a specific theme - the bombardment history for the Air Force," Mr. Rigg said. "They have all flown pretty much all the main bombers; all the heavy bombers. So that means our airplanes are going to be big."

Due to the size and number of aircraft the 8th Air Force Museum maintains year after year, Air Combat Command created a chief of aircraft maintenance position at both of its museums; ACC's other field museum is located at Ellsworth AFB in South Dakota, and there are a total of 12 museums in the Air Force.

"In 1995, ACC authorized an active-duty master sergeant slot with a crew chief AFSC," said Mr. Rigg, who initially started as a museum aide, advanced through the years as a curator, and since 1995, has been serving as the museum's first director. "It was Air Force standard that all museums with X number of assets parked outside, in addition to their director/curator, will have a chief of maintenance to facilitate the maintenance."

Tech. Sgt. Randall Baldwin is the 8th Air Force Museum's chief of maintenance.

"I've been the chief of maintenance since January -- here at Barksdale since 1996 as a B-52 crew chief," said Sgt. Baldwin, who enlisted in the Air Force in 1981. "I cut my teeth on the B-52D; been at Carswell AFB in Texas, Minot AFB in North Dakota, and TDY to Alaska and Hawaii."

Before officially acquiring the chief of maintenance position, Sgt. Baldwin started helping out back in December when the museum received its latest aircraft addition - the SR-71, which has since proven to be a popular museum artifact with visitor numbers rising to more than three times the amount for the same period last year, said Sgt. Baldwin.

Mr. Rigg said he appreciates Sgt. Baldwin's initiative, and his constant commitment to the museum.

"After the previous maintainer retired, I was maintainer less," said Mr. Rigg, who was born at Ellsworth AFB, and



Senior Airman Andrea Knudson/Observ

2d Maintenance Squadron members replace a rudder on the B-24 April 9. The B-24 is part of the Eighth Air Force Museum's 28 aircraft and vehicles static display. Museum director, Mr. Buck Rigg, said the 2d MXS is the museum's "goto" maintenance experts; frequently assisting the museum's chief of maintenance, Tech. Sgt. Randall Baldwin.

whose father, like Sgt. Baldwin's father, served 30 years in the military. "Sgt. Baldwin would graciously come down and offer his time then -- his free time. He's in a unique position now, one of maybe ten to 12 people in the Air Force who will have the knowledge of the technology from at least 70-plus years back - even as far back to the 1918 bombardment systems; an extensive amount of knowledge. Knowing him like I do, it will not be lost on him. He will appreciate that. It's not enough to know the technology; you have to have the heart and care; and he does."

Sgt. Baldwin speaks volumes of Mr. Rigg's hard work and continued effort to preserve the accurate and important history of the Air Force, some examples of which have been documented in a couple of books Mr. Rigg has authored and co-authored.

"Mr. Rigg has total vision and passion for Barksdale and its history and heritage," said Sgt. Baldwin. "He's a historian with a wealth of knowledge outlined in a book about Lt. Eugene Hoy Barksdale titled, Barksdale, The Man, The Base"

"In 1999, he and along with several others went to Lt. Barksdale's boyhood home in Mississippi, and retrieved artifacts that will be put on display in a future exhibit that will capture the pioneering spirit of our base's namesake," said Sgt. Baldwin.

While the team's efforts have continued to accomplish the museum's mission, the team also includes a chief of pro-

grams position currently occupied by Capt. Dago Guerrero, the maintenance and physical work is enough for an entire squadron, said Mr. Rigg.

"It's really more than a one-man type of job, so we are just going to have to kick up the volunteer force," Mr. Rigg said. "We are all busy, we all have things we need to do, but this is important. The museum is the wing's fourth bomb squadron. We've got the same amount of aircraft, we just don't fly them. But it is still an Air Force unit and the wing commander is just as responsible for its care and feeding as those aircraft out there on the flight line; understanding there is a mission priority yet, these aircraft are still Air Force assets. They're the biggest billboard to the base, the greatest community relations element we have."

The museum is starting a program where squadrons can elect to Adopt-An-Aircraft to assist with its maintenance.

"The importance of adopting an airplane is to share the history of our Air Force amongst the squadrons that are taking on the legacy -- continuing on with that legacy - it gets them up close and personal with their past," said Mr. Rigg. "It's designed to really show that organization's pride and what they are carrying on."

"We've always been the technologically advanced, forward-looking service," said Mr. Rigg. "We are way out in front of the jet and we've got to keep looking out in front of the jet or we will crash -- but we've also got to look back - a good flyer always Check's Six.

2d LRS helps keep Barksdale mission going

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUSTASIA LEHMANN OBSERVER

The support Barksdale's 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron gives the base is essential to completing our mission.

Through all aspects of logistics support, 2d LRS is able to help the wing more effectively execute its mission of providing global strike capability.

"We are responsible for providing critical support through material, vehicle and logistics systems management, fuels, traffic management, and deployment planning," said Maj. Nathan Mooney, 2d LRS commander.

The squadron's first sergeant also said 2d LRS supports and has an impact on 2 Bomb Wing's mission.

"We repair and maintain vehicles for flight line maintainers/pilots and base support personnel. We provide shipping, receiving and supply functions for the 2 BW in an efficient and timely manner. We also move anything by ground and air and issue and maintain chemical gear and in and out process all deployed troops," said Senior Master Sgt. Julio Perez, 2d LRS first sergeant.

"Our vehicle operators provide transportation support for over 5,000 personnel and 3,000 short tons of mission critical-cargo. Our vehicle maintainers maintain and operate a fleet of 983 vehicles valued at over \$30 million. The Traffic Management Flight moves over \$12 million in B-52 equipment, as well as personal property shipments. The Material Management and Fuels Flight maintain a supply and fuels inventory valued at over \$700 million. Our Readiness Flight is responsible for all wing deployments and manages \$5 million in non-munitions

and \$3.8 billion in munitions War Reserve Materiel. In addition, they maintain the wing's mobility bag requirements worth over \$5 million," said Maj. Mooney.

"The warriors of 2 LRS are some of the finest logisticians in Air Combat Command and the Air Force. These highly professional individuals take great pride in not only supporting the mission but supporting the Bossier/Shreveport community as well. I am extremely proud to be the commander of such a stellar group of 'make it happen' individuals," said Maj. Mooney.

Sgt. Perez also believes the airmen are good, hardworking individuals.

"The skills of my airmen are professional and fine tuned, Most of our airmen have trades that require trade certifications, such as vehicle mechanics, traffic management apprentice, etc. And lastly, our squadron has approximately 320 airmen assigned. They are the ones to turn the wrench, process the deployers, transport the pilots, refuel the B-52 and order parts. They are able to do so with the outstanding guidance and mentoring from the NCOs and officers over them," said Sgt. Perez.

"I think the squadron is doing great. This has been confirmed by the numerous higher headquarter level awards we have been receiving. The squadron winning ACC awards, such as the Deadalian, National Defense Transportation Association, Vehicle Management of the Year, and the Logistics Plans Airman of the Year, are a testament to the hard work and dedication the members of the squadron have displayed throughout this past year. The great thing about this squadron is that even with the awards we have received so far, they continue to look for new and more innovative ways to make things better

in order to more effectively support the Barksdale mission," said Maj. Mooney.

"One thing I would like to highlight is that if you look at the composition of the 2d LRS, a majority of the squadron, nearly 50 percent, is made up of airmen. We have a young squadron that is doing tremendous things within the logistics community. This is not only due to their ability to 'make it happen' on a daily basis but it is also due to the support they receive from the NCOs, SNCOs, officers, and civilians who do not hesitate to take time out to share their knowledge and expertise. Without a doubt, teamwork is the critical component to the many successes we have experienced this year," said Maj. Mooney.



Tech. Sgt. Ralph Jordan, 2d LRS Non-commissioned Officer in Charge of preventive maintenance, collects a sample of fuel to be tested. The fuels management flight provides all of the fuel used on base.



Senior Airman Alfredo Garza, Jr., a 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operator, inspects a vehicle. The 2d LRS provides a variety of es-

sential support, including vehicle and fuels management, to help keep the Barksdale mission going.

Senior Airman Ronald Jordan, Airman Keyshawn McKinley, Airman Geoffrey Byers, Airman 1st Class Jorge F. Cedeno, and Senior Airman Glensy L. Frederick, Jr., all 2d LRS vehicle maintenance technicians, push a security forces vehicle onto a lift before beginning repairs on it.

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Cajun Warrior Attitude



J. Manny Guendulay/Observer

Senior Airman **Shanee' Norman**

Family: Darrius Norman, Husband

Hometown: Houston

Unit: 20th Bomb Squadron

Job Title: Squadron medical element

Job Description: Medical technician

Most rewarding job aspect: Being selected

as SME for 20 BS

Goals: To finish school and earn a criminal

iustice degree.

Hobbies: Playing "The Sims," cooking, shopping and watching TV/movies

What motivates my winning attitude: Always being the best I can be

Favorite TV show: "ER"

Favorite movie: "Friday After Next"

Favorite performer: Mike Epps

Favorite sports team: Green Bay Packers

Favorite food: Lasagna

Favorite book: "I Know Why the Caged Bird

Person I admire the most: My mother

I'm proudest of: Winning the John Levitow

Best day of my life: The day I got married

My best asset is: My endurance

Pet peeve: Rumormongers

What I like most about Barksdale: The new

If I could change anything about

Barksdale, it would be: The one-way streets

Most influential person for you in the Air Force and why: Staff Sgt. Latonya Cortinas, because no matter what is going on she is al-

ways smiling and cheerful.

20th Bomb Squadron at a Glance

Group Commander: Col. George Gagnon Squadron Commander: Lt. Col. Edwin **Donaldson**

First Sergeant: Master Sgt. William

Squadron Motto: A Cut Above!

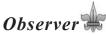
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Reservations required for all events.

Personal and Family Readiness Briefing

The Family Support Center's Readiness Team is ready and able to provide information and support on Thursday and April 29 at 2 p.m. during times of separation. Visit the center for this important briefing to prepare active duty members and their families for separation due to deployment or TDY. Spouses or significant others are encouraged to attend. Call 456-8400 for more information.

Relocation briefing

All PCSing members must attend a relocation briefing at least 90 days prior to their departure date. Airmen will learn about the many resources available to make a smooth and pleasant transition to their next duty assignment. Spouses are always encouraged to attend.

English as a 2nd Language

This class, offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m., provides essential language skills to assist students, personally and professionally, learning to speak, read and write English. These skills can aid in the transition to American culture.

Transition Assistance Program Seminar

This three-day workshop, on Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., is conducted by the Department of Labor and is designed to help military members and their spouses make sound career decisions as they transition from military service to civilian life. Learn the skills needed to complete a successful self-directed job search. Based on comments made by attendees, most have said they wish they had taken advantage of this workshop 12 to 24 months prior to leaving the service. Sign up to receive the tools needed to help you and your family prepare for this new challenge.

Education Center 456-2615



CLEP testing update

The CLEP eCBT \$50 fee is now funded for eligible military people at "Military Friendly" national test centers. Appropriate military identification and an identification with signature is required.

The local test center fee charged by the centers is not funded and must be paid by the student. In our area, the college board has identified Louisiana State University at Shreveport as "Military Friendly."

Interested students should contact the test center at 797-5187 to reserve a date and time for testing.

Test-taking class

Test-Taking/Study Skills classes are being held in April. These classes help Airmen develop the needed skills required to pass their Career Development Course, prepare for WAPS testing and succeed in college courses

The next classes are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday and April 28 and 29 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 456-2615 to sign up.

The Movies

B A S E T H E A T E R

Today

7 p.m. — "Hildago" PG-13

Viggo Mortensen, Omar Sharif — A 3,000-mile survival race across the Arabian Desert is restricted to the finest Arabian horses ever bred, the purest and noblest line, owned by the greatest royal families. In 1890, a wealthy Sheik invited an American and a horse to enter the race.

Saturday

7 p.m. — "Starsky and Hutch" PG-13

Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson — Based on the popular 1970s cop show of the same name. Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson and Dave Starsky are a tough pair of plain-clothes cops who drive a red and white Ford Torino and solve cases with the assistance of their informant, Huggy Bear. While investigating their latest case, the duo realize that the culprit is none other than Reese Feldman, the criminal involved in their first bust.

Sunday

Movies

are subject

to change

notice

7 p.m. — "Agent Cody Banks 2" PG

Frankie Muniz, Anthony Anderson — The teen spy returns to Kamp Woody for more CIA training before moving to London as a foreign-exchange student. But as his new mentor informs him, he is really there for another assignment, assisted by a new female junior agent.

Friday, April 30 7 p.m. — "Havana Nights" PG-13

Admission: Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25

"What's Cooking?"

Red River Dining Facility

Items subject to change

TODAY

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood newburg, veal steaks
Dinner — Corned beef, pot roast, chicken

SATURDAY

Brunch — Creole shrimp, baked chicken, meatballs Supper — Goulash, baked fish, barbecue chicken

SUNDAY

Brunch — Spareribs, chicken breast, oven-fried fish Supper — Steak, beef stir-fry, turkey nuggets

MONDAY

Lunch — Pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork Dinner — Chili mac, beef cannelloni, fried chicken

TUESDAY

Lunch — Veal parmesan, teriyaki chicken, salmon Dinner — Meat loaf, country chicken, turkey

WEDNESDAY

Lunch — Barbecue ham, turkey and noodles, beef Dinner — Pork chops, barbecue spareribs, chicken

THURSDAY

Lunch — Cabbage rolls, fried catfish, baked chicken Dinner — Cornish hens, roast pork, jaegerschnizel

FRIDAY, April 30

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti



